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Applicant : David Allison Bennett, et al.
Application No. : 09/680,654
Filed : October 6, 2000
Title : Apparatus, Systems and Methods For Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Shipping Rate and Delivery Schedule Comparison For Multiple Carriers
Grp./Div. : 3629
Examiner : Michael M. Thompson
Docket No. : PSTM0015/MRK

REQUEST FOR EXAMINER CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCES LISTED
IN A PREVIOUSLY-FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner:

A Notice of Allowance dated October 11, 2011 issued for the above-identified application which set a three-month period of time in which to pay the Issue Fee, namely, by January 11, 2012; this Request is being filed with the filing of the Issue Fee.

A previously-filed Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) for the above-identified application was returned by the Patent Office showing two references lined through, rather than initialed as considered by the Examiner. A copy of the IDS, stamped as having been received by the Patent Office on August 22, 2001, showing the two lined-through references is attached to this Request for convenient reference as Exhibit A. Also attached (as Exhibit B) for convenient reference is a "clean" copy of the IDS as it was originally filed.

The undersigned left telephone messages for the Examiner, and subsequently for the Examiner's supervisor, regarding this matter. Absent an opportunity to discuss this matter with the Examiner or the Examiner's supervisor, and in view of the deadline for filing the Issue Fee for the above-identified application, this written Request for Examiner Consideration of References Listed in a Previously-Filed IDS is filed.

It is respectfully submitted that the two lined through references, comprising two Declarations and their respective Exhibits were listed in, and filed with, the August-22-2001-Received IDS in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56.

Consideration by the Examiner of the previously-lined through references, and return to the undersigned of a copy of the IDS showing the references as having been initialed as

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